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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

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VIDEO SIGNAL TRANSMISSION

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination,  
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

12. (as amended) A method as claimed in claim 10 [or 11],  
wherein the auxiliary bitstream is accommodated in user  
data fields of the first bitstream.

13. (as amended) A method as claimed in claim 10 [or 11],  
further comprising the step of deriving the position and/or  
size of said image area from data included in the auxiliary  
bitstream.

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please delete the abstract in its entirety and replace  
with the following: